

January 4, 2026

Please take a moment to sign our attendance register located in each pew.

(**Indicates, please stand as able)

Greeting/Life of the Church

Prelude Carol Stewart
"The Solid Rock" William B. Bradbury/Don Hustad

Introit: "All Creatures of Our God and King" UMH#62, Teri Gray, solo

**Call to Worship

We gather as people awakened by the Light of Christ.

God, help us find your glory.

We gather as people listening for the whispers of the Spirit.

God, help us notice your glory.

We gather as people yearning for Love's presence.

God, help us encounter your glory.

On this Epiphany Sunday, may the Light of Love shine among us.

God, reveal to us anew the glory of your expansive Love that gathers us together and sustains us in loving service to one another and all creation. Amen.

**Opening Hymn:

"O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing" UMH #57 (v. 1,2,4,5)

Opening Prayer (unison)

Light of God, illumine the path that leads us to healing, hope, and salvation. Glory of God, fill this sanctuary and expose the darkness that stalks our souls. Light of God, shine with such brightness that we marvel in awe. Glory of God, fill each of us with the Holy Spirit. Light of God, Glory of God, we welcome you in this place. Amen.

Children's Moments

Prayer Hymn: "Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty" UMH #64

Prayers of the Faithful & the Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy Kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

Offering/Offertory Carol Stewart
"My Hope is in the Lord" Norman J. Clayton

**Doxology "His Name is Wonderful" UMH #174

**Prayer of Dedication

Radiant God, the light of your wisdom and love shines for all who seek you, guiding us not with force, but with grace. Like the magi, we come bearing gifts, not to earn your favor, but in response to the gift of Christ you've given us. Use these offerings to reflect your light into dark places, so that others might be drawn to your love, your justice, and your joy.

Ministry of Music: Teri Gray, vocal solo
"Holy Forever" Chris Tomlin

Scripture Reading Ephesians 1:3-14

Sermon "Epiphany! Hope in Christ" Pastor Jeff Bandy

The Sacrament of Holy Communion

**Closing Hymn: "Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah" UMH #127

**Sending Forth

"A Covenant Prayer in the Wesleyan Tradition" UMH #607

Postlude Carol Stewart
"Heaven Came Down and Glory Filled My Soul" John W. Peterson



The Altar flowers are given by Dr. Richard and Tammy Byers, along with the entire congregation, to celebrate the New Year and are presented in honor of Pastor Jeff and Suzanne Bandy.

Scripture Reading – Ephesians 1:3-14 (NIV)

Praise for Spiritual Blessings in Christ

³ Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in the heavenly realms with every spiritual blessing in Christ. ⁴ For he chose us in him before the creation of the world to be holy and blameless in his sight. In love ⁵ he predestined us for adoption to sonship through Jesus Christ, in accordance with his pleasure and will— ⁶ to the praise of his glorious grace, which he has freely given us in the One he loves. ⁷ In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, in accordance with the riches of God's grace ⁸ that he lavished on us. With all wisdom and understanding, ⁹ he made known to us the mystery of his will according to his good pleasure, which he purposed in Christ, ¹⁰ to be put into effect when the times reach their fulfillment—to bring unity to all things in heaven and on earth under Christ. ¹¹ In him we were also chosen, having been predestined according to the plan of him who works out everything in conformity with the purpose of his will, ¹² in order that we, who were the first to put our hope in Christ, might be for the praise of his glory. ¹³ And you also were included in Christ when you heard the message of truth, the gospel of your salvation. When you believed, you were marked in him with a seal, the promised Holy Spirit, ¹⁴ who is a deposit guaranteeing our inheritance until the redemption of those who are God's possession—to the praise of his glory.

WELCOME VISITORS!

If you are visiting with us today, we welcome you and hope you will come back and worship with us again soon. We would love to get to know you, please take a moment to provide your information in the attendance register located in each pew.



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We are a Stephen Ministry Congregation

January 4, 2026 - Worship Team

Ushers	Chad Mossing, Will Mossing Mike Tittle, Jake Van Schagen
Greeter	Scott Jenkins, Carol Jenkins
Liturgist	Sandy Pramer
Organist	Carol Stewart
Director of Music	Teri Gray
Handbell Choir Director	Jim McPeck



Monday 5	Spec. Olympics Basketball Stephen Ministry Cub Scouts Boy Scouts	6:45 pm 7:00 pm 7:00 pm 7:00 pm	FCC Library FH 15A-B FH 15C
Tuesday 6	Tuesday Bible Study Stephen Ministry Training Winter Guard Practice Girl Scouts Magic Volleyball Practice Trustees	10:00 am 1:00 pm 3:30 pm 6:00 pm 6:00 pm 6:30 pm	Parlor Library FCC FH 15A,B,C CC 16A FCC Parlor
Wednesday 7	Handbell Choir Practice Chancel Choir Practice	6:15 pm 7:30 pm	Music Room Chapel /Sanctuary
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Friday 9			
Saturday 10			
Sunday 11	Sunday School Hospitality Time Worship Service	9:00 am 10:00 am 10:30 am	Rm 8, 11, CC 16A, Parlor Narthex Sanctuary

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